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Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to the answers to questions (g) & (h), may I know why the new clause is added 'when water is available'?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Because we cannot give water when it is not available."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" As far as I know, I would like the hon. Member to contradict me, there has been no such limitation hitherto."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I cannot conceive of there ever being a rule that water is to be supplied when it is not available; but if the hon. Member could explain more clearly what he has in his mind, I shall certainly be prepared to make enquiries."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask, Sir, that the Government be pleased to make enquiries as to whether it has not been the practice to divide the water in times of scarcity also between the North Rajan Channel and the Khan Sahib's Canal?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Possibly, the Chief Engineers may understand what the hon. Member means and I shall be glad to ask them about it."

Supply of water to Veeranam tank from Vadavar.

*1008-B Q.—Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Vadavar has been the feeding source for Veeranam tank from time immemorial;

(b) whether it is still continued as such; if not, why not;

(c) what are the original sources of supply to the Veeranam tank;

(d) what is the quantity of supply allowed in Vadavar now;

(e) whether the quantity of water supplied is intended for irrigating the ayacut under it alone which is only 14,000 acres or for feeding the Veeranam tank also whose ayacut is 56,000 acres; and

(f) if it is intended for the former only, what were the circumstances that led to the omission of the supply to Veeranam tank?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Rain falling on its own catchment of 195 square miles, besides the supply received from the Vadavar, and a supply from the Vellar during north-east monsoon.

(d) The supply depends on the flow available in the Coleroon. The Vadavar carries a supply of 2,200 cu secs, whenever the supply in the Coleroon permits this.

(e) The excess supply available after meeting the demands of direct irrigation will feed the Veeranam tank.

(f) Does not arise.

Irrigation of lands under the Veeranam tank.

*1008-C Q.—Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Veeranam tank water is often taken for irrigating the ayacuts under the Vellar; and